

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

February 11, 2015

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2014-399-WS

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2015-125

THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2014-399-WS - Joint Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated; United Utility Companies, Incorporated; Utilities Services of South Carolina, Incorporated; and Southland Utilities, Incorporated for Approval of Transfer of Stock and Merger – Discuss with the Commission Don Long's Request for Reconsideration of Matters Discussed in Commission Order No. 2015-27.

COMMISSION ACTION:

On December 11, 2014, we published “Notice of an Informational Session and of a Public Night Hearing,” to be held February 26, 2015, regarding the consolidation of Utilities, Inc. subsidiaries in South Carolina. In the Notice, the public was informed that persons who wish to testify will be permitted a maximum of three minutes for oral presentations, in accordance with standard Commission procedure.

On December 21, 2014, Don Long, a customer affected by the proposed consolidation, objected to the three minute limitation. We addressed Mr. Long’s request by Directive dated January 7, 2015, relating that our three minute policy is in place so that all members of the public who attend the Public Night Hearing will have the opportunity to testify, and that those who wish to testify may do so without inconvenience. Furthermore, we explained that written comments may be submitted to the Docket for anyone wanting to expand information to be presented beyond the time given for oral testimony. Last, the Directive mentioned that interested persons are given the option to move to intervene and become a party of record in Commission cases. Party status carries the benefits of being allowed to present evidence to be considered by the Commission during merit hearings, cross examining witnesses, and requesting rehearing and/or reconsideration of Commission rulings, among other things.

On January 26, 2015, Mr. Long submitted a letter requesting a rehearing of our ruling affirming the Commission’s three-minute policy. However, Mr. Long chose not to move to intervene in this docket and therefore is not a party of record in this case. Consequently, he does not have legal standing to – and thus is not afforded the opportunity to – seek a rehearing of our ruling. As such, I move that the Commission deny the request on that basis. Our three minute time limit for public testimony remains in place to meet the interests of all. Mr. Long is still free to communicate directly to the Commission through his public testimony, as well as through written comments. Those written comments may be submitted into the record at the same time to expand the record beyond what he may choose to say during his three minute oral testimony.

PRESIDING: HallSESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

MOTION YES NO OTHER

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